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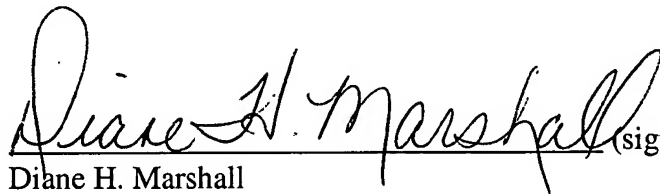
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial and return copies of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and to indicate in the official file wrapper of the above-identified patent application that each item of the cited information has been considered.

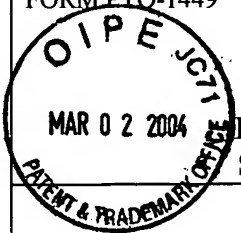
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